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Re application of

Docket No: Q62542

Hirokazu KUBOTA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/773,736

Group Art Unit: 1624

Confirmation No.: 6936

Examiner: D. Rao

Filed: February 02, 2001

For: PYRAZOLE DERIVATIVE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2002. The examiner set a three month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a one-month extension of time, making the due date for response January 18, 2003. As January 18, 2003 falls on a Saturday, and Monday, January 20, 2003 is a U.S. federal holiday, the due date for response is extended to Tuesday, January 21, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 7, 11-14, 17 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A pyrazole compound represented by the following general formula

(I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

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